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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report provides focused updates on Alameda CTC's work to improve transportation throughout Alameda County. This report provides status updates on key activities, including capital projects management and express lane operations; planning, policy and program implementation; finance and contracting; and programming and project controls. In addition, it contains brief summaries of advisory committee and agency activities.

This monthly update provides a synopsis of transportation project and program implementation funded with local, regional, state and federal funds.

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Project Updates

Public participation in the environmental clearance process

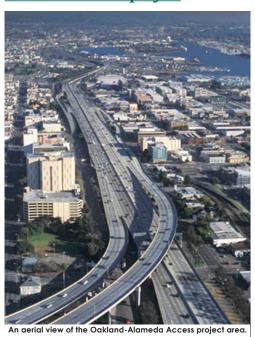


The environmental clearance process affords many opportunities for input to the project development process. Members of the public can have their voices heard through events such as scoping meetings and public hearings and by reviewing draft and final environmental documents.

The Oakland-Alameda Access project seeks environmental clearance to ensure safety and connectivity between downtown Alameda and Oakland, Chinatown and the Jack London District. The project proposes to:

- Enhance or replace access to and from the freeways in the area of the existing Broadway and Jackson street interchanges
- Relieve regional access, traffic congestion and highway operations on mainline I-880 and address multimodal access.

The public scoping meeting is on September 28, 2017. For additional information, visit http://www.alamedactc.org/oakland-alamedaproject.



Additional opportunities for public input on regionally significant projects are coming up this fall:

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Planning and Program Updates Student Transit Pass Program



In August 2017, the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program launched its second year in Alameda County in 15 schools, including eight high schools and seven middle schools in five cities. Free and universal transit passes are being distributed at eleven schools, and free passes are being distributed to lowincome students at four schools. All schools are using Clipper cards in Year Two, which will yield better data for program evaluation.

The pilot program provides a vital opportunity to assess student transportation needs in the county and to develop an approach to meet those needs through implementation of a sustainable pass program. The pilot will make it easier to travel to and from school and school-related programs, jobs and other activities, expanding transportation options for Alameda County's middle and high school students. For a summary of the Commission-adopted Year Two program, see http://www. alamedactc.org/studentpass.

The Commission will receive a full update on the program and the Year One Evaluation Report at its October 2017 meeting and will consider the parameters for Year Three of the program in early 2018.

Policy News Regional Measure 3

Alameda CTC has been engaged in development of Regional Measure 3 (RM3) and its authorizing bill, SB 595 (Beall). If approved, SB 595 would allow voters to approve a toll increase to fund congestion-relief projects and improve mobility in the bridge corridors. The bill reserves for future discussions the important policy questions such as the toll increase amount and the election date.

Alameda CTC took a support position on SB 595 in May 2017. The Senate passed SB 595 on May 31, and the Assembly amended the bill on July 3 and July 19 and approved the bill on September 13. Thereafter, it moved to the Senate floor and was approved on September 14. Governor Brown has until October 15 to sign or veto bills.

Senate Bill implementation

Implementation of SB 1 continues. For the latest information on state and local investments in transportation, visit http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/.



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The BART to Livermore Project

seeks California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance with BART designated as the lead agency. The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been issued, and the public comment period is from July 31, 2017 through October 16, 2017. To review the draft EIR and for additional information on the public participation process, visit the **BART** to Livermore Environmental Process web page.

Route 84 Widening from South of Ruby Hill Drive to I-680 and SR84/I-680 Interchange: Led by Caltrans for CEOA and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance, a draft EIR and an environmental assessment are underway. The target release date of the environmental document is October 2017. For additional information, visit http://www.dot. ca.gov/d4/84expresswayproject/.

<u>East Bay Greenway – Lake Merritt</u> to South Hayward: Led by Alameda CTC for CEQA and Caltrans for NEPA, this project seeks to obtain an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for CEQA and a Categorical Exclusion determination for NEPA. The target release date of the draft CEQA environmental document is November 2017. For additional information, visit http://www.alamedactc.org/ eastbaygreenway.

For project updates, visit the Projects web page.

Programming Updates 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program

This month, Alameda CTC will consider adopting programming principles to guide project selection for the 2018
State Transportation Improvement (STIP) Program, a multi-year capital improvement program of transportation projects on and off the state highway system, funded by State Highway Account revenues and other state and federal fund sources administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

As the congestion management agency for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is responsible every two years for selecting and programming eligible countywide projects that address local transportation needs consistent with regional priorities. The 2018 STIP cycle will cover FY2018-19 through FY2022-23; Alameda County's STIP funding share is estimated to be \$48.8 million.

Alameda CTC's STIP programming principles include the following:

- Projects must be consistent with the Countywide Transportation Plan and STIP program requirements.
- Previously-approved commitments for STIP programming are eligible for consideration.
- Projects must demonstrate readiness for delivery in meeting the required funding and delivery deadlines.

By November 2017, Alameda CTC will forward an adopted program of STIP projects to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for inclusion in the regional program that the CTC will consider.

Finance Updates

Closing the FY2016-17 financial books

During the months of July and August, the finance team worked on closing the financial books for FY2016-17 and prepared required schedules and gathered information for independent auditors who were on site through September 8 for the final FY2016-17 audit. In the coming months, the finance team will work on completing a draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY2016-17, which is expected to be available for approval by the Finance and Administration Committee in November and the Commission in December.

Contracting opportunities

Over the next six months, Alameda CTC anticipates solicitation of statements of qualifications, bids and proposals, by Alameda CTC and/or sponsor agencies, for the following:

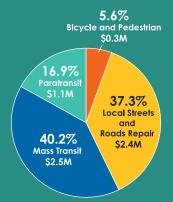
- Professional services contracts related to:
 - SR-84 Widening From South of Ruby Hill Drive to I-680 and SR-84/I-680 Interchange Improvements
 - I-580 Express Lanes Performance Evaluation Study
- Construction contracts related to:
 - Dublin Widening, Westbound from Two to Three Lanes (Sierra Court – Dougherty Road)
 - Mission Boulevard Phases 2 and 3 (Complete Streets)

For more information, visit the **Contracting Opportunities** web page.

Transportation Investments

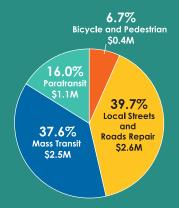
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$155.4 million; more than \$6.3 million was distributed in June 2017.



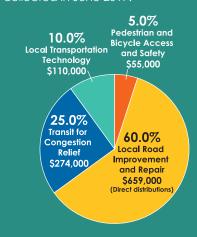
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$922.5 million since 2002. In June 2017, \$6.6 million was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$43.3 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in June 2017.



Agency Activities

In August and September, Alameda CTC hosted or participated in the following events:

- August 16 California Transportation Commission meeting in Oakland
- August 17 Tri Valley Community
 Television (TV-30) taping of the Mayor's
 Report for the City of Pleasanton's
 Mayor Jerry Thorne
- September 19 I-680 High Occupancy Toll Lanes and SR-84 updates presented to the City of Pleasanton's City Council
- September 21 Healthy Living Festival at the Oakland Zoo

Also in September, Alameda CTC presented and led a discussion on "Expediting Project Delivery" at Caltrans District 4 in Oakland.

SHARE YOUR RIDE WEEK

Don't forget, Share Your Ride Week is right around the corner during the first week in October. Plan to carpool or take transit October 2-6.





NEW CARPOOLING OPTIONS

A number of new options to facilitate carpooling are now available in the



Bay Area, all aimed at making carpooling more convenient.
Carpool apps available at rideshare.511.org make it easy to

schedule one-way carpool trips and allow you to be either a driver or a passenger.

COMMUTE CHOICES

Whether you're a commuter trying to affordably and safely get around Alameda County or an employer coordinating staff transportation options, the Commute Choices website has the resources you need.

Other News International Walk and Roll to School Day

Save the date for International Walk and Roll to School Day on Wednesday,

October 4, 2017.
Alameda County
students can join
millions of students
around the world who
walk, bike, scooter
or skate to school in



celebration of the day. Ask your school what prizes, tools or training will be available for students and parents.

Walk and Roll to School Day is part of the year-round Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program in Alameda County, a comprehensive approach to getting more kids walking and biking safely to school, which creates healthy neighborhoods and active families. The Alameda County SR2S Program serves nearly 200 schools throughout the county. Please encourage schools in your community to sign up for the program and take advantage of the wide array of free safety training and education activities that Alameda CTC provides for students at alamedacountysr2s.org.



Committee Activities September advisory committees

In September, the following committees met. Highlights include:

- September 7 The Alameda
 County Technical Advisory
 Committee (ACTAC) approved
 the 2018 State Transportation
 Improvement Program principles
 and programming schedule, the
 2017 Federal Earmark Repurposing
 Strategy and the Alameda CTC
 Transportation Technology
 Initiative and matching opportunity.
 ACTAC members also participated
 in an Information Exchange Forum
 regarding transportation technology
 efforts in the City of Fremont, the
 City of San Jose and Silicon Valley.
- September 12 The Paratransit
 <u>Technical Advisory Committee</u>
 (ParaTAC) reviewed the fiscal year
 2017-18 ParaTAC meeting calendar
 and received updates on program
 and project implementation
 guidelines and performance
 measures, Hospital Discharge
 Transportation Service (HDTS)
 and Wheelchair Scooter Breakdown
 Transportation Service (WSBTS)
 Programs, mobility management
 and emergency preparedness.
 ParaTAC members also exchanged
 technical information.
- September 25 The **Paratransit Advisory and Planning** Committee (PAPCO) reviewed the fiscal year 2017-18 PAPCO meeting calendar and received progress reports on Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 extension projects. PAPCO members also received updates on HDTS and WSBTS Programs, reports on the City of Hayward Paratransit Program, the City of Newark Paratransit Program and East Bay Paratransit, an update on mobility management as well as several committee and transit reports.